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12 November 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Reactivation of the RAB as a Subcommittee
of the NSCIC

1. At Tab A is a proposed letter for your signature to Secretary Simon on reconstitution of the Resources Advisory Board (RAB) as the Economic Intelligence Subcommittee of the NSCIC. [] reviewed the letter and concurs.

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2. This is a redraft of the proposed letter to Secretary Simon (Tab B) which you sent to Dr. Kissinger in July for his clearance.

3. At Tab C is a 31 October reply from [] expressing Dr. Kissinger's concurrence with reactivation of the RAB as subcommittee of the NSCIC (presumably co-equal with the Working Group), with the Treasury representative as chairman.

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4. You will note that CIA has no member per se, but as in the case of the original RAB, the Chairman of the USIB Economic Intelligence Committee, [] is represented. Also, NSA had asked to be specially designated, but [] feels, and I agree, that the Subcommittee could have any official from any organization it desired attend as observer. Therefore, I have not included NSA in the last paragraph of the letter.

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5. Recommend you sign the letter at Tab A.

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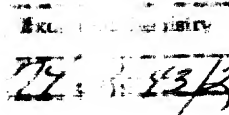
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13 AUG 1974

**The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Henry:

**With your approval as Chairman of
NSCIC, I will sign and dispatch the attached.
It is designed to activate this aspect of the
economic intelligence efforts of NSCIC.**

sincerely,

/s/ Bill

**W. E. Colby
Director**

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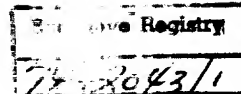
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Bill:

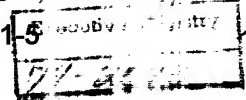
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If these appointments are agreeable to you, I have Dr. Kissinger's approval to make them as Deputy Chairman of NSCIC. I will then be in touch with the heads of the other Departments and Agencies in foreign economic policy-making to request their nomination of senior-level representatives to the Board.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby



2 JUL 1974

Mr. William N. Morell, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Secretary
for National Security
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Bill:

Herewith a draft of the letter I would
send to Dr. Kissinger for clearance to dis-
patch to Secretary Simon. If you approve,
I will send it to Secretary Kissinger.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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The Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Bill:

You will recall that some months ago we agreed the time had come to reactivate the Requirements Advisory Board (RAB) to provide high-level consumer guidance to the Intelligence Community on international economic intelligence issues.

Dr. Kissinger agrees. He proposes the group be reconstituted as a sub-committee of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee and should include senior representatives of the principal departments and agencies concerned with foreign economic policy making, with your representation as the chairman. To make the title more indicative of its role, it seems appropriate to change the name to the Economic Intelligence Sub-Committee of the NSCIC.

One of the main tasks of this group will be to identify broad requirements relating to information needs that are not adequately covered at present and which seem to justify additional collection effort.

I understand that your nominee for chairman will be the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Charles L. Cooper. I think it would be appropriate for my National Intelligence Officer for Economics and Energy [redacted] to serve as my Community representative and as the Executive Secretary.

If these appointments are agreeable to you, I will request Dr. Kissinger's office to announce them. Dr. Cooper

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25X1 and [] can then request nomination of senior-level representatives by the heads of the other departments and agencies in foreign economic policy making.

In addition to the Treasury, I propose that -- as was the case in the RAB -- members be provided by State, Commerce, CEA, STR, CIEP and the USIB Economic Intelligence Committee. The NSC Staff has designated Mr. Robert Hornsby as its representative. I suggest that Agriculture, ERDA and the EximBank also be represented.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby



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Dear Bill:

I am very pleased that preliminary arrangements have now been completed to reactivate the Requirements Advisory Board (RAB) under its new name -- The Economic Intelligence Subcommittee of the NSCIC. As you know, I have been impressed with the increasing support which intelligence has provided the foreign economic policymakers over the last two years. I am convinced, however, that with a more systematic approach in this area, we can do a better job.

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25X1 I know that [] will serve us well as Chairman of the new Committee, and I fully agree with your suggestion that [] serve as the Executive Secretary. I understand you had already agreed that Bill Morell would also serve actively on this Committee in the capacity of Vice Chairman.

I hope that we can move out quickly in establishing the Committee and getting on with the business of sharpening up intelligence support in this area, recognizing that once the group is organized, a great deal can be accomplished outside of formal Committee meetings. Your suggestions for membership are quite satisfactory to me.

We look forward to working closely with you in this new endeavor.

Sincerely,

William E. Simon

The Honorable William E. Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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